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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS TO DEFENSE FOR SECRETARY BROWN AND
ASST SECRETARY MCAULIFFE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: NATO, FRG, AWACS
SUBJECT: FRG MOD LEBER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON

1. FRG PERMREP PAULS TOLD ME MARCH 17 THAT HE HAS BEEN TOLD BY SOURCES IN BONN THAT LEBER IS VERY PLEASED BY THE EXCELLENT RECEPTION HE WAS ACCORDED BY SECRETARY BROWN AND AT THE WHITE HOUSE AND STATE DEPARTMENT.
2. CONCERNING RESULTS OF LEBER'S DISCUSSIONS, PAULS SAYS THAT HE UNDERSTANDS AGREEMENT WAS REACHED FOR A DEFENSE MINISTERS MEETING ON AEW ON MARCH 25, AND THAT NO MEETING OF FINANCIAL EXPERTS IS ENVISAGED.
3. ALSO, PAULS REPORTS THAT THE US AND FRG AGREED TO RE-AFFIRM THE MOU COVERING THE LEOPARD AND XM-1 TANKS.
4. I WILL NEED TO COORDINATE WITH PAULS ON THE DELICATE MATTER OF PRESENTING US-FRG DECISIONS TO THE OTHER ALLIES HERE, AND I THUS WILL BE VERY GRATEFUL FOR EARLY GUIDANCE SO THAT WE CAN BRIEF ALLIES EARLY ON FRIDAY, MARCH 18.

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5. MY DEFENSE ADVISOR TELLS ME THAT IN BRIEF TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS ON THURSDAY AFTERNOON (BRUSSELS TIME) WITH MR. MCAULIFFE AND GENERAL BOWMAN, VIRTUALLY THE SAME POINTS COVERED IN PARAS 1 AND 2 ABOVE EMERGED, ALTHOUGH IT MIGHT BE MORE ACCURATE TO SAY THAT THE US SEES NO NEED FOR A FINANCIAL EXPERTS' MEETING. STRAUSSZ-HUPE

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED DEFENSE

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